



Update on Key Transition and Smarter Balanced Assessment Development Activities

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2013 STAR Results

- Publicly released August 8, 2013
- General findings
- May mark the last statewide use of STAR tests



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Legislative Update

- Assembly Bill 484 (CalMAPP21)
 - Last amended July 3, 2013
 - Senate vote expected in early September
- Senate Bill 247 (grade 2 testing)
 - Assembly vote expected in early September

To review full bill text and track bill status visit
[http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/
billSearchClient.xhtml](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml).



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Cost Estimates for Smarter Balanced in California

- Preliminary estimates based on cost structures from Smarter Balanced were presented to the SBE in July 2013.
- AB 484 recommends that the State purchase all components of the Smarter Balanced system of assessments.
 - Formative
 - Interim
 - Summative



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Smarter Balanced Spring 2014 Field Test

- Test window is currently scheduled for March 18 – June 6, 2014.
- School and student sampling procedures are under development.
- Test scheduling options are being explored.



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2013–14 Double-Testing Waiver Consideration

- U.S. Department of Education made announcement on June 18, 2013.
- Superintendent Torlakson sent letter to California LEAs on July 19, 2013.
- Title I waiver request process must be followed.
- CDE will recommend to the SBE that California request a waiver.



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Draft Accessibility and Accommodations Guidelines Released for Public Review

- Review and feedback window
August 14 – August 27, 2013
- Governing states expected to vote in
September
- Links to the *Guidelines* document and
instructions for providing feedback are
available at
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/access.asp>



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Smarter Balanced Practice Test Help Desk

- Launched August 1, 2013
- Support available Monday – Friday,
4:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Pacific time)
- Phone: 855-833-1969
- E-mail:
smarterbalancedhelpdesk@ets.org



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Smarter Balanced Practice Test Enhancements

The following enhancements are expected to be available on August 26, 2013:

- Special forms for math (Spanish glossary, Braille, and Text-to-Speech for grades 4, 5, 6, and 8)
- Special forms for English-language arts (Braille and Text-to-Speech for grades 3, 5, 6, and 8)
- Math performance tasks, including special forms (Spanish glossary, Braille and Text-to-Speech)



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Smarter Balanced Practice Test Enhancements, Cont.

- Additional items to the ELA forms
- New scoring guides (and updated guides) will be available at http://sbac.portal.airast.org/Practice_Test/default.html.
- Availability of the Practice Tests for use with Internet Explorer (IE) 10 expected in August
 - IE 9 expected to be supported at a later date
- Practice Tests unavailable August 23–25 in preparation for updates



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Gauging the Technology Readiness of California LEAs

- LEA completion of technology surveys will help inform funding needs for California schools
 - CDE Technology Preparedness Survey (LEA-level reports)
<http://surveys.cde.ca.gov/go/smarterbalancedtech.asp>
 - Technology Readiness Tool (School-level reports)
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/sbac-itr-index.asp>



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CDE Smarter Balanced Web Page

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